

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-17 are canceled.

18. (Previously Presented) A vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition useful to promote regrowth of the hair and/or to retard hair loss, and/or to increase the mean diameter of strands of hair, and/or to decrease the heterogeneity thereof, and/or to increase hair density, and/or to improve the quality and/or the appearance of a head of hair, and/or to induce repigmentation of the hair, consisting essentially of a thus effective amount of admixture of the antioxidants vitamin A, vitamin C, vitamin E and also zinc and selenium values, formulated into a cosmetically/pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor.

19. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, said admixture also comprising vitamin B.

20. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, said admixture also comprising iron values.

21. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, said admixture also comprising magnesium values.

22. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, said admixture also comprising copper values.

23. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, said admixture also comprising manganese values.

24. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, said admixture comprising retinol or ester thereof, or beta-carotene, alpha- or gamma-tocopherol, and ascorbic acid or salt thereof.

25. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, said admixture comprising zinc gluconate, zinc oxide, zinc sulfate or zinc chloride.

26. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 20, said admixture comprising ferrous fumarate, ferrous sulfate or ferrous chloride.

27. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 21, said admixture comprising magnesium oxide.

28. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 22, said admixture comprising copper oxide or copper gluconate.

29. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 23, said admixture comprising manganese chloride or manganese sulfate.

30. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 25, said admixture comprising sodium selenite, selenocysteine or selenoyeast.

31. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, said admixture also comprising at least one other antioxidant active agent selected from the group consisting of a superoxide dismutase, a catalase, a peroxidase and an antioxidant exhibiting enzymatic activity mimicking said enzymes.

32. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 31, said at least one other antioxidant comprising glutathione peroxidase.

33. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 31, said at least one other antioxidant comprising copper diisopropylsalicylate or Mn(III)tetrakis(4-benzoic acid) porphyrin chloride.

34. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, said admixture also comprising at least one sulfur-containing amino acid or precursor thereof.

35. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 34, said at least one sulfur-containing amino acid comprising cysteine, cystine, N-acetylcysteine, glutathione and/or ester thereof, or oxathiazolidine.

36. (Currently Amended) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, comprising from 0.1 mg to 3 0.5 mg of vitamin A, and from 10 mg to 25 mg of vitamin E.

37. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, comprising from 0.1

mg to 3 mg of vitamin A, from 50 mg to 240 mg of vitamin C, from 10 mg to 60 mg of vitamin E, from 10 mg to 40 mg of zinc values and from 40 µg to 150 µg of selenium values.

38. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, comprising from 0.5 mg to 1.5 mg of vitamin A, from 100 mg to 140 mg of vitamin C, from 40 mg to 50 mg of vitamin E, from 15 mg to 25 mg of zinc values and from 70 µg to 120 µg of selenium values.

39. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 24, comprising from 0.6 mg to 18 mg of beta-carotene.

40. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 24, comprising from 3 mg to 4.5 mg of beta-carotene.

41. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, comprising 1 mg of vitamin A or 6 mg of beta-carotene, 120 mg of vitamin C, 30 mg of vitamin E, 20 mg of zinc values and 100 µg of selenium values.

42. (Previously Presented) A vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition useful to promote regrowth of the hair and/or to retard hair loss, and/or to increase the mean diameter of strands of hair, and/or to decrease the heterogeneity thereof, and/or to increase hair density, and/or to improve the quality and/or the appearance of a head of hair, and/or to induce repigmentation of the hair, consisting of a thus effective amount of admixture of the antioxidants vitamin A, vitamin C, vitamin E and also zinc and selenium values, formulated into a cosmetically/pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor.

43. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 18, formulated into a drinkable solution, a syrup, tablets or capsules.

44. (Previously Presented) The vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 43, formulated into gelatin capsules.

45. (Previously Presented) A vitamin/metal salt cosmetic/pharmaceutical composition useful to promote regrowth of the hair and/or to retard hair loss, and/or to increase the mean diameter of strands of hair, and/or to decrease the heterogeneity thereof, and/or to increase hair density, and/or to improve the quality and/or the appearance of a head of hair, and/or to induce repigmentation of the hair, consisting of a thus effective amount of admixture of the antioxidants vitamin A,

vitamin C, vitamin E and also zinc sulfate and sodium selenite, formulated into a cosmetically/pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor.